Siding Track Of Kribhco

1920. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) looking to industrial growth of the area around Hajira Port, whether the Railways connect Hajira Port to its hinterland;

whether Government would consider extending the siding track of KRIBHCO up to Hajira; and

if so, the proposed time-frame for completion of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The proposed connection to Hajira Port is a part of National Rail Vikas Yojana.

As per the tech no-economic feasibility survey, the new line is proposed parallel to the existing KRIBHCO siding.

The construction will be taken up on completion of the project development, agreement of strategic partners in financial participation and sanction of the project. At present, the project development is in progress.

Appointment On Compassionate Grounds

1921. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been submitted by the Member of Parliament during the period from June to August, 2004 to the Hon'ble Minister for Railways and General Manager, Northern Railways regarding appointment on compassionate grounds against the missing person working in railway from Ajitwal Railway Station, Punjab;

(b) if so, the number of applications pending with the Ministry/ headquarter; and

(c) the reasons for delay in appointments on compassionate grounds

and by when these cases would be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. Only one representation dated 19.7.2004 by shri Dara Singh Chauhan, Hon'ble M.P./Rajya Sabha has been submitted to General Manager, Northern Railway during the period from June to August, 2004 regarding appointment on compassionate grounds to one of the dependents of an ex-Railway employee who was working in Ajitwal Railway Station, Feroz-pur Division. The ex-employee was dismissed from service in 1992 for his continued unauthorised absence and First Information Report (FIR) for his missing was lodged by his family on 06.09.93.

(b) No application is pending, however the above mentioned case when represented earlier had been regretted. The fresh representation dated 19.07.2004 is under process.

(c) Generally, cases for appointment on compassionate grounds take time on account of non-submission of required documents by the widow/ward, due to the ward being minor, some court cases filed by various claimants, verification of various documents etc. As soon as the requisite documents are available the cases get settled.

Jammu-Srinagar Rail Project

1922. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status report of Jammu-Srinagar railway project;

(b) the amount spent on this project so far;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on the project during the current financial year; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The details of Jammu-Srinagar railway project are as under:—